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400 PERSONS PERISH

"HSINWAH" SINKS

STRIKES WAGLAN THIS MORNING

SURVIVORS' NARRATIVES

Only 22 of Crew Are Picked Up

HEROISM OF HANDFUL OF FISHERMEN

Between 400 and 450 souls are believed to have perished in a tragic shipping disaster in the early hours of this morning. The vessel in question is the Chinese s.s. "Hsinwah" (owned by the China Merchants S.N. Co.), which was attempting to enter Hong Kong harbour when she went down at one of the approaches, about 10 miles outside, after striking Waglan Island.

Tributes to the heroism of a handful of Hong Kong fishermen were paid by some of the survivors, who at present number 25, including one foreigner (the chief officer), the others being Chinese. Buffeted and tossed in the gale blowing just before daylight, the 22 men in one lifeboat were so numbed that not one of them could grab the ropes thrown to them by a rescuing junk. The fishermen had to jump in, tie the survivors up and then haul them aboard in heavy seas.

Four other steamers passed the scene of the wreck within an hour or two of the sinking but nothing was seen, probably on account of the intense darkness.

ATTEMPTING TO ENTER HARBOUR

First indication of the wreck was received from Waglan light-house, standing on the small island of the same name, to the south-east but close to Hong Kong (near Cape D'Agulhar), and about 10 miles from Lyemun Pass, the eastern entrance to the harbour.

The message could not even give the name of the vessel because the latter did not reply when the light-

ed at Aberdeen by another fishing junk, bringing the total number of survivors to 25.

Twenty of the 22 rescued by fishing junk No. 4268 were in the Water Police Station when a "China Mail" man called there. They comprised:

- 4 passengers (2 Cantonese, 1 Swatow, 1 Ningpo).
- 1 boatswain.
- 1 quartermaster (who had been relieved shortly before the disaster).
- 7 sailors.
- 2 firemen.
- 1 fireman's boy (a lad of about 12).
- 1 saloon "boy."
- 1 saloon boys' cook.
- 2 compradore department "boys."

Huddled Together

Most of them presented a pitiful sight, garbed in gunny bag "greatcoats," rough blankets and whatever else the kindly fishermen could provide them with. Those who could strap lifebelts on themselves still had them when they huddled together as close as possible to the fire placed at their disposal in the station charge room.

Everyone was wet through to above the waist. None of them knew how many had gone into the lifeboat when it was swung out and none had seen the European officers. The saloon "boy" revealed that there was no saloon passenger, foreign or Chinese.

Boiled on Deck

One of the Cantonese passengers, who was sitting up late chatting with a friend, talking about returning to Kwangtung after several years' sojourn in Shanghai, where he had saved barely enough to return to his native village, related how he boiled on deck when he felt the shock of the bump, climbed on to the saloon deck and then got into a lifeboat when he saw it being lowered.

In the darkness none of the men saw other boats lowered.

"Save Life"

It was blowing hard and a heavy sea was running. The consequence was that so soon as the lifeboat reached water, it was tossed about, and possibly, some of the occupants may have perished. Nearly every one of the 22 who reached the junk were cut or bruised through being knocked over, but they were all thankful to have been saved.

Attention was concentrated on hauling out the lifeboat which was being swept over at each wave. Those who could continually cried "Save Life," and their calls were heard.

Ropes thrown

The master of the fishing junk was calling down in the night with a lantern, and they saw a light. They saw a light. They saw a light.

"THE LISTENER"

NEW B.R.C. PUBLICATION NOW ISSUED

A COMPROMISE

London, Yesterday.

A compromise has been reached regarding the proposed publication by the British Broadcasting Corporation of a weekly journal "The Listener." The basis of the agreement on the question of the Corporation's publishing activities is embodied in a memorandum accepted by the Corporation and the leaders of a deputation representing newspapers and printers, which interviewed the Prime Minister on Friday.

The Corporation expressly disclaim any intention of adding to the number of their periodicals, of which there are now three, and with regard to "The Listener" they undertake, by limiting the number of advertisements, not to make any profit. They are, moreover, ready to recognize a committee representing publishing and printing interests and to discuss with it any questions that may arise with regard either to future publishing proposals or existing publications.—British Wireless Service.

standing in water, some lying down and unable to move, their limbs having become numbed in the bitter cold of wind and water.

Ropes were thrown over the side of the junk but without avail. One or two of the 22 made feeble attempts to hold the ropes but had to let go.

Heroic Work

The lifeboat had drifted south-westward and was near the island of Soon Kong (also known as Sun Kong), standing between Waglan and the south of Hong Kong, about a mile west of Waglan.

The junk's crew of six males, four women and a few children worked heroically. Some of the men clambered down into the lifeboat, passed ropes under the waists of the survivors, helped to get them up—at considerable risk to themselves—and were hauled back in turn.

Although it was still dark, the fishermen kept a lookout but, unfortunately, neither saw nor heard anything else. The master says that he could hardly see the lights of the "Hsinwah" when he heard the cries of "Save Life." The "Hsinwah" was then going down by the stern and vanished from sight in a matter of minutes, he added.

With the elements against him, the fisherman master decided to put back to Hong Kong. The frugal hospitality of the junk was extended to the survivors but, even under cover, they shivered all the way back.

Pitiful Sight

A substantial meal consisting of rice with curry, meat and salt cabbage was given the 20 men who stayed behind at Tsim-sha-tui station but none had any appetite to eat. One of them said that even when washed down with hot tea he could not swallow the rice for the thought of the "others out there."

A few had shoes but most were barefooted. One or two only had singlets under the blankets thrown around their shoulders. The majority preferred to dry themselves by crouching close to the charge room fire; but the boatswain peered the Police officers for permission to "go ashore" to "get some money from the China Merchants Co."

The crew, it was stated, numbered 104, the compradore and passengers' departments being made up mostly of Cantonese, the deck and engine-room hands, hailing from Ningpo or Shanghai. There were more than 400 passengers on board—all Chinese, from Shanghai and Swatow—the "China Mail" was informed, but the correct number will not be known until advice is received from Swatow, whence the "Hsinwah" came.

The Officers

No record is kept in Hong Kong of the officers' names of the "China Mail." The local office of the China Merchants S.N. Co., however, has some record of them.

FAILED TO REPORT

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS TO CHINESE

SMALL-POX DANGER

A Chinese, the principal tenant of the second floor of No. 1, Foot Lock Road, who was charged, before Mr. J. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy, for failing to report a case of small-pox which occurred in a small male child on December 27.

The defendant pleaded that he had been away in the country and returned on the 31st. He then told the boy's parents to notify the case, as it was "up to them."

Mr. Lindell: It is up to you, as the principal tenant of the house. Defendant: I did not know that. The child's father, who was present in Court, told the Magistrate that he did not report the case because his son was well on the way toward recovery.

Mr. Lindell: You did not think of the others in the house. Supporting the small-pox had spread all round?

Another Affected

Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, told the Magistrate that owing to the case not having been notified, the man's second son is now down with small-pox. They were both now in hospital and the first was recovering.

Mr. Lindell (to the father): It had recoiled on your own head. Owing to your not reporting the second child is now ill and might die. You are lucky the first child did not die or become blind.

To the principal tenant, his Worship said that as the law placed the responsibility on him he would be fined \$20, but the father was morally responsible for paying the money.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

HALF A MILLION RAISED FOR MINERS' RELIEF

TOTAL £1,000,000

London, Yesterday.

The Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of distress in the coalfields last night amounted to \$500,000. This, with the pound for pound contribution by the State, brings the total available for relief of distress up to \$1,000,000.

Contributions are still being received by the Lord Mayor in response to the wireless appeal by the Prince of Wales, and it is hoped that the poster campaign undertaken voluntarily by the firms concerned will soon make its effect felt.—British Wireless Service.

FLYING IN CHILE

AMERICAN MAGISTRATE'S BIG BOUNTY

New York, Yesterday.

Mr. Daniel Guggenheim, the copper magnate, has placed at the disposal of Chilean Government \$100,000 for the development of aviation in Chile, where he has large nitrate and copper properties.—Reuter's American Service.

RIGA SENTENCES

FOR ALLEGED ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES

Riga, Yesterday.

The trial at Kieff of the twelve villagers, accused of anti-Soviet activities, resulted in five being sentenced to death and the others to imprisonment for eight years downwards.—Reuter.

FRENCH NAVY

NEW CRUISER & DESTROYERS AND 6 SUBMARINES

Paris, Yesterday.

The Chamber has unanimously adopted a bill providing for the construction this year of one cruiser, six destroyers and six submarines.—Reuter.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN DIES

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The death of Lord Chamberlain of the Exchequer, Lord Chamberlain, is announced.

THE AFGHANISTAN UPHEAVAL

STILL FIGHTING

REBELS ENGAGING LOYAL TROOPS NEAR KABIL

THE NEW MONARCH

London, Yesterday.

A British wireless message says: According to information telegraphed at midday yesterday (Monday) all was well at the British Legation in Kabul. Amanullah departed by aeroplane in the afternoon for Kandahar, where he joins his wife Souraya. His abdication in favour of his elder brother, Sirdar Inayatullah Khan, was announced by Afghan Legation in London to have taken place out of patriotic and friendly feelings and of his own free will. It was added that, under Inayatullah, Afghan relations with foreign powers would remain as hitherto.

On The Outskirts of Kabul

Peshawar, Yesterday.

A message from Kabul states that following a lull, fighting has broken out on a considerable scale, on the outskirts of the city. It is not yet known how the various chiefs have received Inayatullah's succession.

"Much Left Unsaid"

Much is left unsaid in the latest despatches received in authoritative quarters in London from Kabul, which do not indicate the definite whereabouts of Amanullah nor reveal how the Sirdars and Mullas view the new ruler.

It is pointed out that bands under the rebel leader, Bachasakao, are still actively engaging Afghan troops on the outskirts of the capital and insofar as Bachasakao's campaign is actuated by a desire for loot there is nothing to indicate that Inayatullah's attitude thereto will differ from his predecessors.—Reuter.

Amanullah's reign lasted ten years. When his father, the Ameer Habibullah Khan, was murdered in February 1919, the latter's brother Nasrullah Khan proclaimed himself Ameer, but six days later Amanullah, who was the third son of the murdered ruler, claimed the accession. As he had the support of the army and the control of the treasury and arsenal, his uncle Nasrullah and also the rightful heir, his elder brother Inayatullah who now succeeds him, proceeded to Kabul and made submission.

Amanullah, misled by some of his advisers, invaded India in May 1919, but suffered such a reverse that before the end of the month he asked for peace. On the ground of his youth and inexperience this was granted and a treaty was signed at Simla in the following August. A further treaty recognizing Afghan independence was signed at Kabul in 1921.

His Fall

Details of the final events leading up to Amanullah's abdication show that on January 18 the rebels drove the loyalists into the Kabul valley, and on the next day captured their headquarters, three miles from Kabul, and occupied the hills overlooking the city. Amanullah then decided to abdicate and a party of Mullas from Kabul approached the rebels and concluded an armistice.

Although fighting in the vicinity of the British Legation was severe, little damage was done and no foreigners apparently were harmed.

The New Ruler

Sirdar Inayatullah, who has succeeded his half-brother, Amanullah, as King of Afghanistan, is four years older, being now 41 years of age.

He is a most orthodox Moslem and is greatly influenced by the Mullas.

It is understood that the new ruler is sympathetic in his attitude towards Britain and consequently to the Indian Government. He was forced to waive his claim to the throne on the assassination of his father.

He is of a peaceful disposition and the fact that he has been a King of Afghanistan, who married Souraya Khan, was born in the same household as the late Ameer Amanullah, is a fact which may be of great importance in the future.

THE KING'S HEALTH

SLOW PROGRESS BEING MAINTAINED

MILK FOR THE POOR

FOR FORESTRY

London, Yesterday.

A British wireless message says: It was stated at Buckingham Palace this afternoon that the King's very slow progress was being continued.

A later message says that the King has had a quiet day and the progress previously noted, though slow, continues.

The next bulletin will be issued on Thursday morning.

Milk for the King

It is officially stated at Buckingham Palace that the consignment of milk from Amsterdam (mentioned a few days ago) was immediately distributed to the poor. It is pointed out that such gifts were made wholly on the initiative of the donor. Milk for the King is supplied from His Majesty's own farms.—Reuter.

FOR FORESTRY

LARGE GRANT FOR BIG NEW PLANTATIONS

FOR RESEARCH

London, Yesterday.

The Government have undertaken to ask Parliament to vote a total sum of \$5,500,000 to the Forestry Commission on agreed annual instalments during the ten years beginning April 1 this year, as compared with the sum of \$3,500,000 which had been provided during the last ten years.

The Commission will also derive an increased revenue from forest products of about \$1,000,000 in all as compared with \$775,000, which is the estimated figure for the first ten years.

It is expected that these sums will enable the Commission to provide 225,000 acres of new plantation, to devote \$1,000,000 to forest workers' holdings and to make a grant for other purposes, including the planting of municipal and private lands and forestry education and research.—British Wireless Service.

THE "REDS"

WHY BELGIAN AUTHORITIES DETAINED THEM

London, Yesterday.

Well-informed quarters in London are of opinion that the Belgian authorities ordered the detention of Sakalvala, Maxton and the others believing that they were attending some conference in Belgium.—Reuter.

PERU PAYS

BIG CHEQUE TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Government of Peru has sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations a cheque for \$16,000 in payment of her contribution for 1928 and as part of her arrears since 1920.—Reuter.

"THE TIGER"

PARIS, YESTERDAY

M. Clemenceau (who used to be known as "the Tiger"), is suffering from influenza, but his condition is not regarded as serious.—Reuter.

MARSHAL FOCH

PARIS, YESTERDAY

The improvement in Marshal Foch's condition is being maintained.—Reuter.

The brothers are described as friendly.

King Amanullah's abdication was announced in Kabul at noon yesterday. Whereupon Inayatullah was immediately crowned King.

German Press Comment

Berlin, Yesterday.

The evening papers consider the downfall of Amanullah a defeat for Moscow and a great advantage for Great Britain.

Algerian Press Comment

Algiers, Yesterday.

The Algerian press has expressed its surprise at the news of the King's abdication.

GENERAL BOOTH'S ATTITUDE

A REFUSAL

WILL NOT RETIRE FROM HEAD OF ARMY

INTERESTING SITUATION

London, Yesterday.

General Booth has refused to retire.

The High Council of the Salvation Army adjourned without reaching a decision in the evening after discussing all day General Booth's reply to their request for his retirement.

General Booth, in an exclusive statement to Reuter, emphasises that "the founder of the Salvation Army instituted powers under which the High Council could be called for the sole purpose of turning out from office a general who was spiritually unfit and to elect a successor if that were done or if for any other reason, there should be no general."

The General declares that "legally the High Council has absolutely no power, even to propose, let alone make any changes in the Constitution."—Reuter.

A British wireless message states that Staff-Captain Doctor Hart arrived at the General's residence at Southwold on Monday and endeavoured to arrange a compromise. His plan is to promote General Booth to the rank of Field-Marshal. It is thought that Dr. Hart may induce the General to modify any attitude of a flat refusal to retire.

Council's Next Move

Mrs. Booth, the General's wife, who will convey the General's reply to the High Council, delayed her departure from Southwold, it is believed as a result of Dr. Hart's efforts.

Should, however, the General's reply be a refusal, it is stated that the High Council will proceed to adjudicate upon his physical unfitness.

MIST OR DRIZZLE

N.E. winds, strong, cloudy, mist or drizzle later, is the forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone continues to increase in intensity. The depression remains to the north-east of Japan.

Strong monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea.

ness to retain the leadership of the army, and present indications are that a large majority of the Council would vote for the General's retirement.

Mrs. Booth's Journey

The reply of General Booth to the request of the High Council of the Salvation Army for his retirement was delivered to the High Council at Sunbury Court this morning by Mrs. Booth, the General's wife. Mrs. Booth made the journey of 126 miles from Southwold by motor car, leaving Southwold before dawn in a snowstorm.

The strictest secrecy was maintained at Sunbury Court regarding the subsequent proceedings of the High Council.

It was understood that the General's reply was a firm refusal to retire.

CANCER RESEARCH

CASH PRIZES FOR ORIGINAL WORK

London, Yesterday.

The Grand Council of the British Empire Cancer Campaign has approved an offer of two prizes of £500 each for 1928 and 1929 for the best original piece of work in the investigation of cancer carried out in the British Empire, to be known as the Garton Prize.—Reuter.

THE WORKLESS

IMPROVED FIGURES FROM HOME

London, Yesterday.

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AKI MARU	Wednesday, 23rd January.
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd January.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
HAKODATE MARU	Monday, 28th January.
KOYEI MARU	Thursday, 31st January.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
ANYO MARU	Friday, 1st February.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.	
BINGO MARU	Monday, 28th January.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	
TATSUNO MARU	Sunday, 27th January.
ATAGO MARU	Saturday, 2nd February.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	
DURBAN MARU	Monday, 21st January.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Tuesday, 22nd January.
BENGAL MARU	Wednesday, 30th January.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
MONTEVIDEO MARU	Friday, 8th February, 1929.
BOMBAH—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CHIFUKU MARU	Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
HONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 3rd February.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOZAMBIQUE—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CHICAGO MARU	Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
BORNEO MARU	Friday, 18th January.
SEATTLE MARU	Friday, 1st February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From Shanghai.	
PARIS MARU	Wednesday, 16th January.
ARABIA MARU	Tuesday, 22nd January.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
HIMALAYA MARU	Tuesday, 6th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	
KOISO MARU	Sunday, 3rd February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hainan.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 17th January 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAMBURG MARU	Middle of January.
JAPAN PORTS.	
SOURABAYA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd January.
AMAZON MARU	Wednesday, 23rd January.
GANGES MARU	Friday, 26th January.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 20th January Noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 27th January Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 24th January 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG	
SOURABAYA MARU	Friday, 26th January, 1929.

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In an address to the members of the Foreign Commerce Club in New York, Mr. T. V. O'Connor said it was up to American shippers to place cargo in the holds of U.S. ships if they really wanted to see a U.S. merchant marine established on the right lines. "The U.S. merchant marine," he said, "merits the patronage of the American shipper. Even under the most favourable conditions it cannot prosper without it. Congress can legislate, the shipbuilders can launch their finest craft, and we can man these crafts with the most efficient crews in the world; but unless a reasonable amount of cargo is stowed away in the hold the ship cannot function as a useful part of the merchant marine."

"Remember that while Americans are supposed to be an inventive people, no one among us has yet invented a type of merchant ship that will operate successfully without cargoes. American exporters and importers should consider the matter well before patronising foreign tramps in order to save a few cents a ton on their shipments."

"To patronise the foreign ship when satisfactory U.S. steamship service is available goes far to nullify everything that we are trying to do for the U.S. merchant marine."

Mentioning the policy laid down by Congress for the turning over to private ownership of the Government merchant fleet as soon as responsible U.S. purchasers can be found for the services, he said about 1,600 vessels have already been sold at low prices and on easy terms.

War Construction Programme
"In its war construction programme," said Mr. O'Connor, "the Shipping Board built 2,314 vessels, totalling 18,600,000 dead weight tons. Additional tonnage was acquired by seizure from the enemy, by purchase and by transfer from other Government departments, until the grand total reached the staggering figure of 2,543 vessels of all types, aggregating 14,700,000 dead weight tons, all controlled by the Shipping Board."

"Up to 1924 conditions were such that only one established line was disposed of to private capital. Since 1924, as a result of the educational campaign of which I have spoken and the intensive sales efforts of the Board, we have succeeded in selling 15 established lines. In addition, there have been sold hundreds of miscellaneous steel vessels, and more than 400 ships for scrapping, a total, as I have already said, of about 1,600 vessels, aggregating approximately 8,000,000 tons."

"The present fleet totals about 245 active and 476 inactive ships, or approximately 721 all told, aggregating 5,750,000 tons, including 21 established services operating on the principal trade routes of the world. I would have you contrast this number, 721, with the grand total of 2,543 vessels of all types controlled by the Shipping Board from the beginning of its existence."

"Within the next year we confidently expect to sell from eight to ten additional lines. On December 12 of this year bids will be opened for forty-five war-built vessels which are not considered serviceable in their present condition, thus further reducing the Government's surplus merchant tonnage."

UNCHARTED ROCK

JUDGMENT IN CANADIAN INQUIRY MASTER'S QUICK DECISION

The official report of the Court of Inquiry into the matter of the steamer "Seapool" striking an uncharted rock off Channel Rocks Buoy, on October 25, has been issued by Captain John D. Macpherson, deputy to the Dominion Wreck Commissioner. Captain Macpherson held the investigation at Victoria, B.C., assisted by Captain Samuel Vint and Captain C. M. C. Fleming.

The following is the report of the court, in part:—"The British steamer 'Seapool,' official number 185,891, is a coal-burning, single-screw steamer, built of steel at Stockton-on-Tees in 1913, by Messrs. Roper and Son, and is registered at West Hartlepool, England. She is 392 feet long, 58 feet beam, and 26.9 feet deep, her gross tonnage being 4,549 tons. Owned by the Pool Shipping Company, Ltd., of West Hartlepool, she is a fine, well-found, well-equipped, modern cargo vessel."

"She is fitted with wireless, electric light, direction-finder, and is propelled at a speed of about nine knots by a single-screw triple-expansion engine. She is provided with a steam steering gear, and has a double bottom. Her two compasses were adjusted in Barry, South Wales, in March, 1928, and are of the latest pattern. She carried a crew of 35 hands, a pilot and supercargo at the time she was struck."

Leaves for Coast

"The 'Seapool' left the United Kingdom for California, Puget Sound and British Columbia ports, via the Panama Canal, on August 2, 1928. She arrived at Vancouver without event, and there proceeded to Chemainus, Nanaimo and Victoria for lumber."

"On Wednesday, October 24, she left the Canadian Puget Sound Mills for Port Alberni and rounded Race Rocks Light at 8.20 p.m. The night was fine and clear when the master retired, which, in the court's decision, he was justified in doing, as there was a competent pilot on the bridge. Captain Vivian Fort left orders to be called before the vessel reached the entrance to the Alberni Canal."

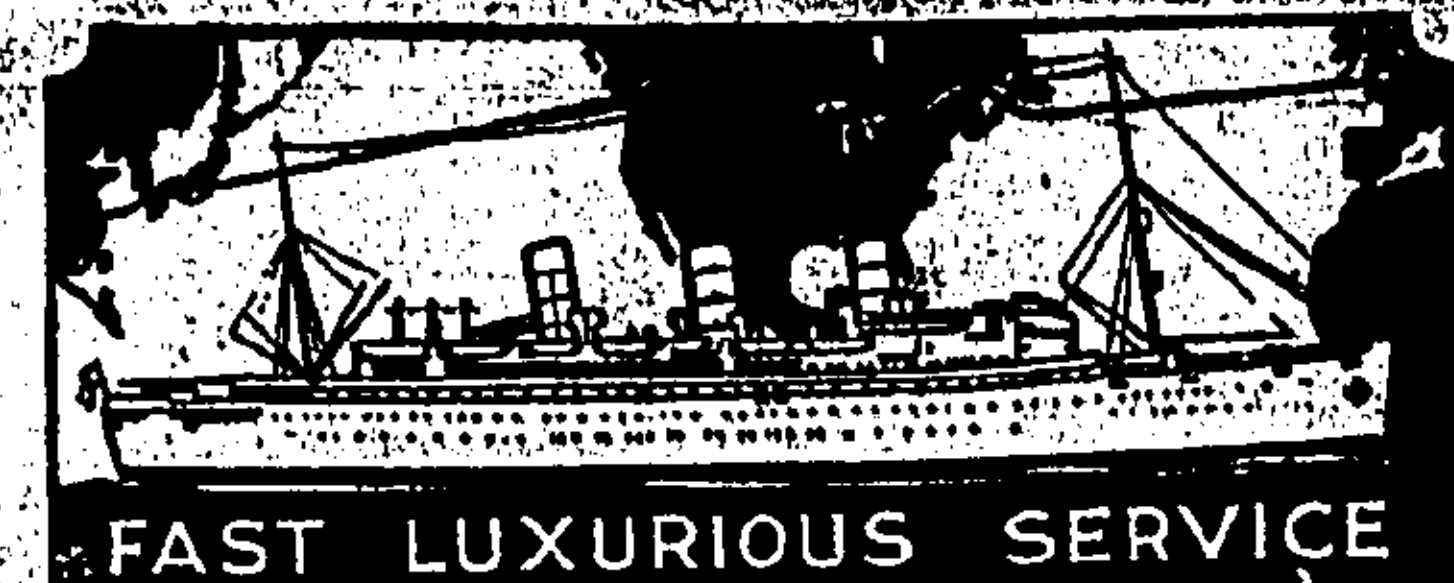
"Officers left on the bridge were Pilot Captain W. J. Boyce, Mr. John Westberg, first mate, and Mr. Norman Spence, second mate. At 4.15 o'clock, on the morning of October 25, Cape Beale Light was rounded at a distance of about one mile off. After continuing about one mile the vessel's course was altered to what has always been considered a safe course to pass about three cables off Channel Rocks Buoy. At 4.40, with the buoy nearly abeam on the port side, distant about three cables, the vessel struck, scraping over the obstruction and off into deep water."

Captain Praised

"The vessel's course was verified from Cape Beale Light, while the first mate sounded 15 fathoms with the hand lead. The 'Seapool' was found to be taking in considerable water, so the master turned back to Victoria. The court finds that Captain Fort deserves considerable credit in arriving at so quick a decision in the trying circumstances in which he found himself."

"The master and pilot, finding that the vessel was in a proper and hitherto assumed safe position, could form no other conclusion but that there was an uncharted rock in the vicinity. The 'Ettavan' verified the position of Channel Rocks Buoy, and later Mr. E. D. Parizeau, chief hydrographer for the Dominion Government, found the position of the rock when aboard the 'Lillooet' in Barkley Sound, assisted by the second mate of the 'Seapool.' The rock was hitherto unknown and certainly had not been charted."

"The court finds that the 'Seapool' was on a safe and proper mid-channel course when she struck; that a good and proper lookout was kept; that the rock upon which she struck was hitherto uncharted; that the vessel was navigated with proper and seamanlike care; that the stranding was not caused through the wrongful act or default of the master, second officer or any of the ship's crew."



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MACDONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,054	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
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KHIVA	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	15th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MAIWA	10,084	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGAPORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,600	8th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
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Takoradi Harbour, which cost £3,300,000 to build was officially opened by Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., last April.

In August the Government of the Gold Coast reported that "certain defects have been found in the construction of the deep-water wharves." It was decided to postpone the opening of the harbour to general traffic until the defects had been made good.

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	YATSHING	Sun., 27th Jan. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed., 30th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Fri., 18th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Keelung & S'hai	HOSANG	Sun., 3rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	SUANG	Sat., 20th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKANG	Sat., 2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
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When about to enter Queenstown Harbour, the White Star liner "Celtic," homeward bound from New York, ran ashore on the Cow and Calf Rock, about 300 to 400 yards west of Roche's Point Light-house. At the time the tide was about two hours ebb. The tug "Geleze" was immediately despatched to the scene.

The passengers on board, to the number of 254, were transferred to shore by tenders, at noon, and a large number arrived in Liverpool the next day. The crew, numbering 420, are standing by the vessel.

A report received by the owners from Captain Gilbert Berry, the commander of the "Celtic," read:—"No 3 hold, 12 ft. of water; No 3 and 4 stokehold, 11 ft. of water; after stokehold, 4 ft. of water; engine-room 3 ft. of water over the tank top; No. 10 double bottom tank full. No steam on board."

The Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association reported that they had received instructions from the White Star Line to arrange for the immediate despatch of their salvage steamers "Restorer" (at Falmouth) and the "Ranger" (at Liverpool) to the assistance of the vessel, and that both steamers would sail. One of the association's salvage officers proceeded to Queenstown via Holyhead and Dublin, and was due to arrive at the vessel at noon.

Lloyd's, Queenstown, telegraphs:—"Slight port list. At high water, 4.35 p.m., provided captain satisfied sufficient buoyancy, proposes attempt to refloat on rising tide with assistance tugs "Geleze" and "Morsecock." H.M. destroyer "Sesame" also arranged to assist. Position exposed and serious. All passengers landed; mails now being transferred to tender. Weather fine, slight swell, ship resting easy."

Insurance Interests

A Marine Insurance correspondent writes: The news of the stranding of the "Celtic" on Cow and Calf Rocks, soon brought her into the reinsurance market, 20, and then 25 guineas per cent. being paid during the morning, while the rate closed at 30 guineas. The London market is heavily interested, the insured value of hull and machinery being £230,000, to which must be added lines on total loss and other interests. The cargo is probably originally in America, but reinsurances will almost certainly reach the British market.

There appears no previous record of a vessel of the size of the "Celtic" having stranded on Cow and Calf Rocks, but in 1911, the "Ivonia," 14,278 tons gross, struck on the opposite side of Queenstown, and had to be beached, lying partly submerged for some weeks, and being eventually salvaged by the late Commodore Sir Frederick Yodag, in the salvage steamer "Linnnet."

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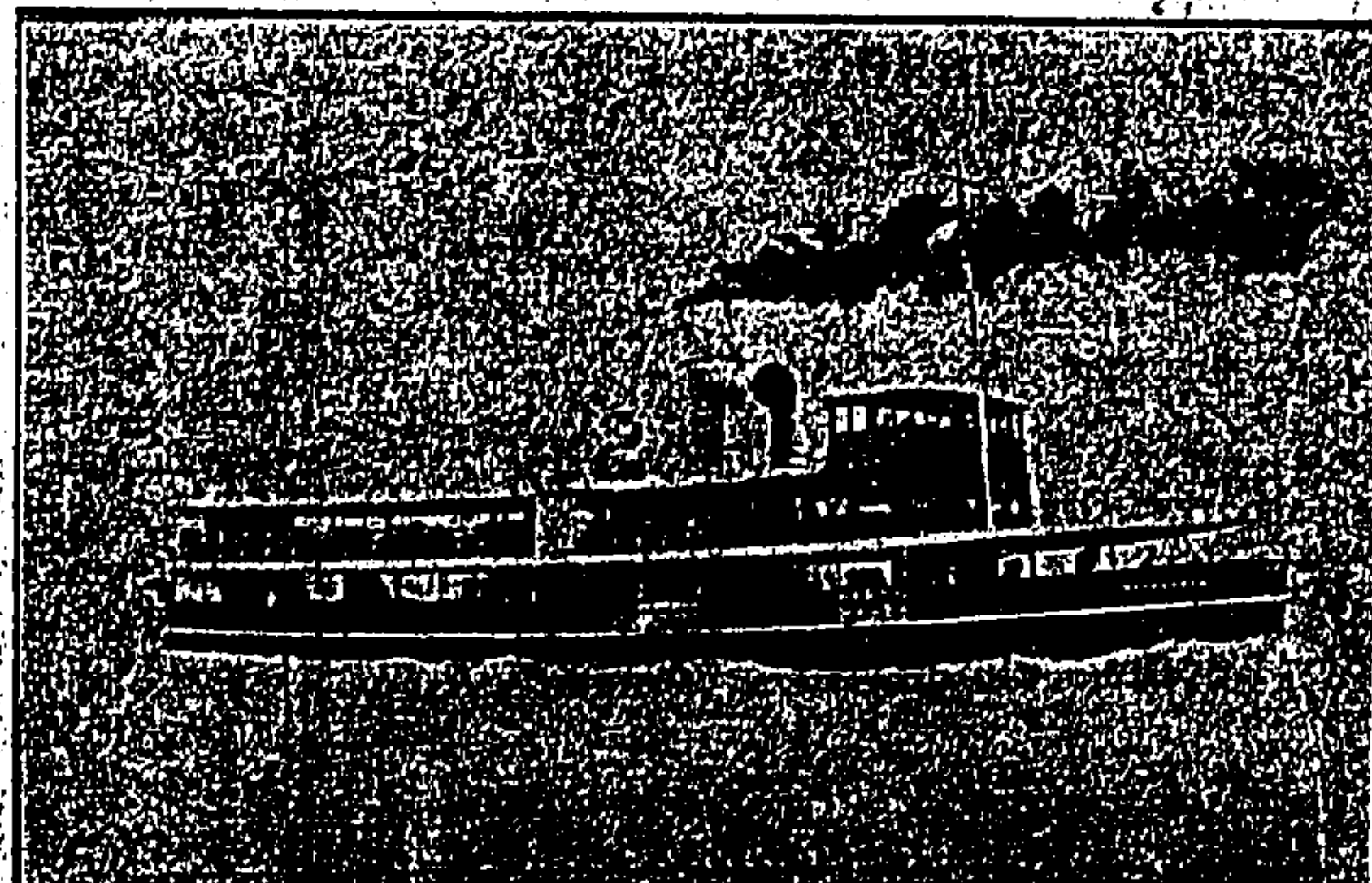
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KING AMANULLAH

Sympathy will be felt univer-
sally for King Amanullah, the
dethroned monarch of Afghanis-
tan. The news that he had been
compelled to abdicate has come as
a big surprise, as it was
very generally believed that
Amanullah was very powerful in
Kabul and throughout Afghanis-
tan. The extended tour which he
and his Queen made about a year
ago afforded ample proof that
both were much in advance of the
majority of their countrymen re-
garding progressive ideas, which
it seemed they would have little
trouble in propagating and estab-
lishing throughout their country.
According to Reuters, however, it
appears that Amanullah acted
with more haste than discretion
on his return to his capital, and
consequently it is very probable
that he more than ever antago-
nized the reactionary forces
against his projects and himself.
There are good grounds for be-
lieving that during his long
absence from Kabul those un-
favourable to his progressive
views had full scope to mature
their plans, and in this respect
they were influenced by Soviet
agents, who had been working for
a considerable time to undermine
Amanullah. It does not suit
Russia's policy that Afghanistan
should be modernized and be in
closer touch with England and
India. The Soviet, in this as in
other matters, have gone wrong
as in backing the rebels they
underestimated the strength of
the monarch and his army.

With the refusal of General
Bramwell, British, to retire
announced today, the Salvation
Army's mission in Afghanistan
will be a success. The British
mission in Afghanistan will be a
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Afghanistan will be a success.

India than even the deposed
monarch. Soviet agents took
every opportunity while the King
was in Europe to sow the seeds
of dissension and agitate among
the fanatical tribesmen, who live
on plunder. It is a black outlook
for Afghanistan, for had
Amanullah been able to carry out
his advanced views, there can be
little doubt but that Afghanistan
would have greatly prospered in
every respect during the next few
years.

Amanullah's abdication does
not, of course, mean that he has
renounced all hope of directing
his country along the paths of
progress. He is in exile, having
crossed the frontier into India,
but if he can retain the loyalty
of the Pathans, who are generally
reputed to be the most enlighten-
ed and the bravest of the
Afghans, it is very probable that
he may return to Kabul at no dis-
tant date. Amanullah is com-
paratively young, very vigorous
and the present set-back, though
serious, is unlikely to vanquish
his ardent spirit. He has been
succeeded by his elder brother,
who apparently was regarded as
unsuitable to follow in the foot-
steps of their father. Amanullah
had been on the Afghan throne
for only ten years, succeeding
his father the Amir, who was
assassinated, and who chose
Amanullah as his successor.

It will be noted from the latest
telegram that German journals
regard the present state of affairs
in Kabul much in the light of a
Machiavellian triumph for Eng-
land over Russia. But there is no
evidence of any such policy hav-
ing been pursued. On the con-
trary, the British generally re-
gard Amanullah as being parti-
cularly friendly both to England
and India and as a monarch upon
whose pledged word of friendship
as was the case with his father
during the War when, despite
Afghanistan's strong Islam con-
nections and sympathy with the
Turks, the Afghans remained
neutral. Despite the change in
the monarchy, the rebels still
continue to press forward in the
vicinity of Kabul, and it is thus
evident that the end is not yet.

Afghanistan's principal troubles
are internal, not external.
The British mission in
Afghanistan will be a success.
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remembered, it was stated in the
cables that the General had
briefed a King's Counselor, and
it is likely that the "fight" will
now become a legal one, to be
settled in the law courts, as to
the power or otherwise of the
High Council to take such an im-
portant step as the one contem-
plated. The call for a change in
the constitution of the leadership
of the Salvation Army comes, there-
fore, from America. Future
progress, it has been asserted, will
be negated by the continuance
of the prevailing one-man form of
government, and the one-family
line of succession. A similar de-
sire for reform, apparently, exists
in Canada, Australia and
New Zealand, as well as in some
of the European countries. Any-
how, it is the Salvation Army's
own battle and it must be left to
find its own solution. All the
onlooker is able to do is to sit
back and hope that whatever the
outcome, the good work of the
Army will in no way be retarded
or lessened in effect.

The International Conference
of the British Empire Cancer
Campaign at the Royal Society of
Medicine has completed its
deliberations. Sir Berkeley
Moyhan said: "The fear of
cancer is the king of terrors. We
must drive away the fear and re-
place it with the knowledge of
truth, for people are only afraid
of the things they don't under-
stand. If we tell the people the
truth—that it is not cancer they
need fear, but the dread of cancer
—the truth will set them free."
"Morning Post" (London).

The military authorities notify
that searchlight practice will be
carried out on Jan. 18, at Stone-
cutters and on Jan. 19-20 at
Lyceum.

Seventeen cases of small-pox,
all Chinese, one of enteric fever,
British, and one of spinal
meningitis, Chinese, were report-
ed yesterday.

The American Asphalt Paint
Co., Chicago, has appointed
Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co.
sole agents in Hong Kong and
South China for certain of their
products, as advertised.

Booking plans are now open at
Moutrie's and the Star for Fred
Coyne's London Musical Comedy
Company which opens a brief
season at the Star Theatre on
Monday next at 9.15 p.m. Prices
of admission are \$3, \$2 and \$1.

The Anderson Music Company,
Ltd., has issued something novel
in the way of calendars. It has
put out a desk ornament of
pressed metal, brass finished,
small and compact, with tear-off
leaves, one for a month, these
also showing the last and next
months.

A banishment, who was charged
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this
morning with failing to comply
with the banishment order, was
sentenced to 10 months' hard
labour. The record of the prison-
er shows that he was banished for
ten years in January, 1926, fol-
lowing a conviction for larceny, in
which he was sent to jail for 12
months.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE HONG KONG A.D.C.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—It is with great regret
that my committee are compelled
through unavoidable circum-
stances to announce the postpone-
ment of the production of "On
Approval." It is unfortunately
impossible as yet to announce the
opening night, as this depends on
theatre bookings by travelling
companies. The date will, how-
ever, be announced as soon as pos-
sible. I shall be grateful if you
will insert something to this
effect in your news columns.

Yours etc.,

H. DAVENPORT BROWN.

Hon. Sec. & Treas.
Hong Kong, Jan. 15.

WILL HE? HE WILL

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Miss Mauda makes a fair
request, and merits an answer.
He seems to me to have justified
his right to a name. I am sure
my letter was directed against
the manner in which the name
has been used, and not against
the name itself. I am sure the
name is a good one, and I am
sure it is a name that should be
used. I am sure it is a name
that should be used. I am sure
it is a name that should be used.

If his letter displays a
degree of the present state of
mind, we shall only publish it on
condition that he signs his real name.

Should we have to treat any
letter of his in this way, we shall
give him our reasons, and printing
for doing so with full liberty to
publish them elsewhere (provided,
of course, he publishes also the
document we criticize).
If these conditions are accept-
able to Miss Mauda, will she please
communicate with me. I will give
him our dates for going to press,
etc., so as to avoid having his
matter unduly delayed.

Yours etc.,

P. Joy, S.J.

Hong Kong, Jan. 16.

GOOD FORTUNE

CHICAGO GIRLS GUESTS OF A MARCHIONESS

New York.—A gift of wealth
and social position among the Brit-
ish nobility is promised to two
small Chicago girls, Isabelle and
Marjorie Meuser, ten and nine
years old respectively, who will
soon be adopted by their great
aunt, the Marchioness of Huntly.
The son of the Marchioness by
her first marriage presented a
petition from his mother and his
stepfather, the Marquis of
Huntly, to Judge Horner, asking
for permission to conduct the
girls to the Huntly Estate, Orton
Hall, Peterborough. The father
of the children is dead, and they
are living in comparatively poor
circumstances.

Their stepmother having con-
sented to surrender her custody
of the girls, an order has been
signed permitting them to leave
Chicago. The jubilant youngsters
left for New York, whence they
sailed for England.

The Marchioness of Huntly is a
daughter of the late Mr. John H.
Fallon, and when she became in
1922 the second wife of the Mar-
quis, was the widow of Mr. James
Macdonald, of Cincinnati.

WITHOUT PAY

CHICAGO TEACHERS' PLIGHT

Chicago.—The long history of
political domination of Chicago's
public school affairs came to a
climax recently, when 18,000
teachers encountered their first
payless pay-day.

Having no money at its dis-
posal, the Board of Education told
its army of instructors that it
could not pay them. Moreover,
there was no issuance of promi-
sory notes or any assurance as to
when the teachers would get
their salaries.

With Christmas drawing near,
and many of the teachers depend-
ing upon their regular pay for
their holiday trips and celebra-
tions, the failure of the board to
distribute the expected cheques
worked great hardships in
many quarters.

The lack of funds was attributed
to the profligate expenditure of
officials under the "Big Bill"
Thompson administration.

Several Chicago newspapers
started a campaign to re-
medy the situation by the sub-
scriptions of public-spirited citi-
zens.

LORD BANBURY

HOUSE OF LORDS' SURPRISE FOR HIM

Lord Banbury, who, when he
was a member of the House of
Commons, blocked the passage of
more private Bills than any living
man, had an unhappy experience
when he tried to secure the pas-
sage of one of his own in the House
of Lords.

The Government declared that
as drawn up it was quite unwork-
able.

Lord Banbury, who must have
said the same thing about other
people's Bills many hundreds of
times, looked quite taken aback
and was rescued by the Socialist
Front Bench with a motion
(which was carried) for the ad-
journment of the debate to give
him time to set his Bill in order.

The measure proposed to em-
power magistrates to punish
people convicted of cruelty to dogs
by taking out dogs licence
thereafter.

WRAPS RAPS NOT

"Don't bring me any more
hills," said the husband in
despair. "I can't face them!"
"I don't want you to face them,"
stating the wife. "I only
want you to face them!"

An Aberdeen mother rang up
the doctor the other day: "Come
round to our house at once,
doctor," she pleaded. "One of
my children has swallowed a sax-
ophone!"

"Right," said the doctor.
"How old is it?"
"1893," was the prompt answer.

Village rector, dining with
local squire: "You know that
rogue of a verger of mine hardly
waits for the service to be finish-
ed before he dashes across to the
Magpie and Stump over the
way. I'm very angry about it. I
think it's most irreverent of him."
Squire: "Well, well, Rector,
after all I suppose it's merely a
thirst after righteousness you
know!"

"What makes you look so
tired?" an undersized Cockney
was asked the other day. "Well,
it's like this," he replied. "My
wife is walking to get her weight
down, and the only time that she
can do it without attracting at-
tention is in the evening. She in-
sists that I go with her, even if
I am tired. The last two weeks I
have lost eight pounds, and she
has gained two ounces."

Two Scotsmen had just arrived
on their first visit to London, and
they were both anxious to find the
streets which by legend were
paved with gold. One of them
found a sixpence lying in the
gutter of the station yard, and
pounced on it with a triumphant
smile at his companion's dour
face.

"Sandy," remarked the other
scathingly, "dinna waste yer time
on that mon. Wait till ye get in
the thick of it."

Both photographer and mother
had failed to make the restless
four-year-old sit long enough to
have her picture taken. Finally
the photographer suggested that
"the little darling" might be quiet
if her mother would leave the
room. During her absence the
picture was successfully taken.
On the way home the mother
asked: "What did the nice man
say to make mother's little dar-
ling sit still?"

"He told, 'You thit thill, you
little newthuns, or I'll knock your
head off,' tho I thit thill," she
explained.

It was their honeymoon trip to
London, and the first time they
had ever been out of Lancashire.

As they waited on the platform
at Euston for the guard to bun-
dle their boxes out of the van, the
young bride and bridegroom were
manifestly embarrassed.

Then an outside porter came up
and asked:

"Can I look after yer baggage
for yer, mister?"

The red blood mounted to the
young bride's cheeks, and turning
to her hubby she demanded:

"Well, well, well. If ye ain't
a-goin to thrash him for re-
fusin' to me like that, ye're no
man, George."

A party of workmen went to
Liverpool for a day's outing. On
arriving they divided into two
groups, and each group looked for
a suitable place for breakfast.

The first group selected an in-
ferior-looking place, but they
had a splendid feed at the cost of
one shilling and sixpence per
head. The second group selected
a regal, aristocratic establish-
ment, and after a moderate repast
were startled by the charge of
four shillings and sixpence per
head. Dumbfounded, they paid
and filed out.

"You'll be coming back to din-
ner, I suppose," said the proprie-
tor.

"Certainly!" said the was of
the party. "Haven't we paid for
it?"

The thing he had been dread-
ing had come to pass at last.
With a shaking hand he placed
the empty glass upon the table.
Weakly, he sank back into his
chair, a look expressive of the
deepest anguish upon his pallid
face. To think only to think
that his wife, she whom he had
so implicitly trusted, had done
this thing! With cunning, per-
suasiveness she had adduced him
to drink from the glass containing
that evil, unnameable thing
that he had feared.

His head rolled on the back of
his chair, his hands flung limply
over the sides. He gazed at a
stagnant, unresponsive face that
had been his wife's. He gazed at
a face that had been his wife's.
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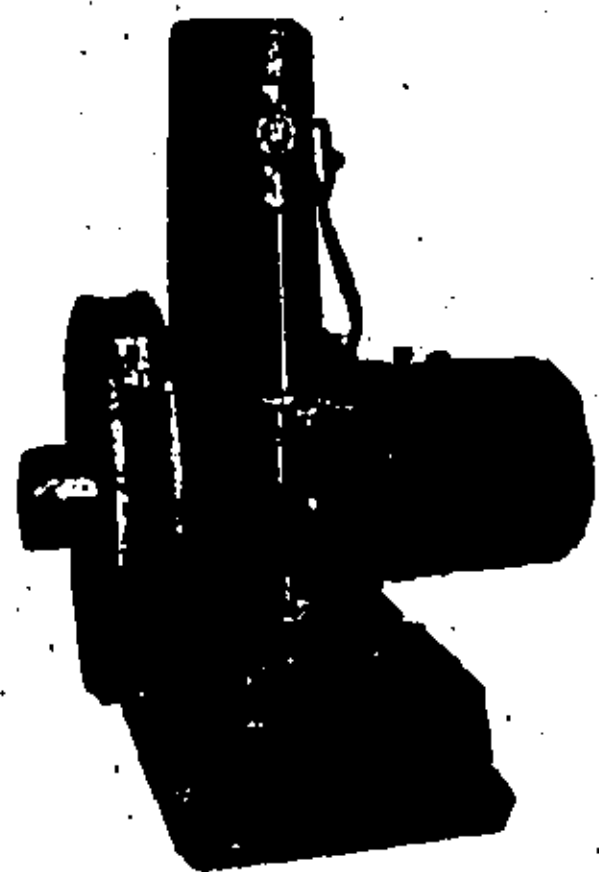
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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Government Broadcasting Station G.O.W. on 350 metres. 8.15 to 7.15 p.m.—The Symphony Orchestra of H.M.S. "Hermes" (Under the direction of Mr. Compton). Relayed from Lane, Crawford's restaurant. By kind permission of Capt. Hopgood, C.B.E., A.D.C. and the management of Messrs. Lane Crawford. March, Wounded Friend. Myddleton.

Overture, Lustspiel. Kela Bela. Extract, Humoreske. Dvorak. Selection, Cavalleria. Mascagni. Valse, Lustig Bruder. Volstead. Suite, Klav for Cindersella. Bucalosi. Description, Monastery Garden. Ketelly.

Selection, Hit The Deck. 8.15 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8.20 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records).

"By The Way."

Selection London Theatre Orchestra.

"Two Eyes Of Grey."

"The Garden Of Your Heart."

Tenor, Charles Harrison.

"The Difference."

"Not Old."

Monologue by Bransby Williams.

"Speak."

"Parfum Du Passé."

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"You Forget To Remember."

"Wild Flower; and Bambalina."

Duet Layton & Johnstone.

"The Rich Man Drives By."

Gilbert Childs, Comedian.

"The Two Imps."

"Dancer Of Seville."

Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Loose Elbows."

"Antiquary."

Pianoforte Solo. Billy Mayerl.

"The Parson At The Sewing Party."

An Address by Vivian Foster.

"The Knotting Song."

"The Gondollers."

Tenor, John Coates.

"I Love The Moon."

"Memory's Melody."

Soprano, Doris Vane.

"Second Serenade."

"Chanson Hindou."

Jean Lensen & His Orchestra.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"Lead Me Your Aid." (From "Queen Of Sheba").

Tenor, Francis Russell.

"Where Does Daddy Go To."

"At Home, I'm My Wife's Husband."

But When I'm Away, I'm "Me."

Entertainer Tom Clare.

"Speak." (The 'You Only Say Farewell').

"Night."

Baritone Thorpe Bates.

"Morgenblatter Waltz."

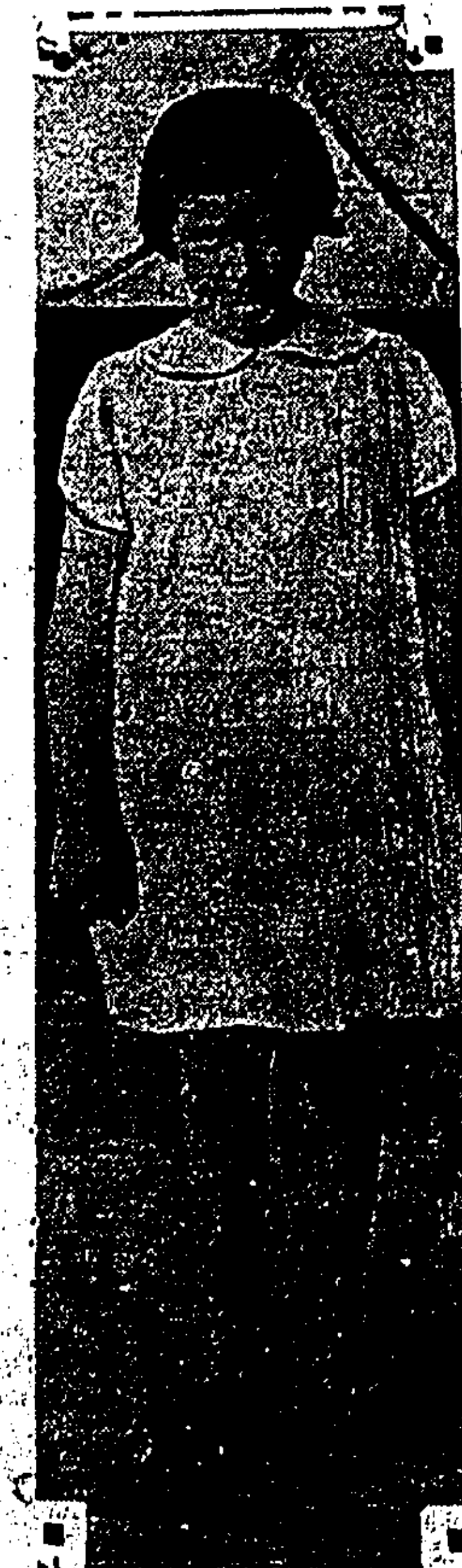
"Dream Waltz."

The Geiger Orchestra.

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Gramophone Royalties



Gloria Caruso, the daughter of the late Enrico Caruso, who will receive two-thirds of royalties derived from her father's phonograph records despite the ruling of Italian courts that she is entitled to only one-half of the estate. The sum is estimated in excess of £200,000.

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GREAT DOME

The Government House in New Delhi, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, is to be ready for occupation by the Viceroy and Vicereine next cold weather. The massive stone building has a great dome in the centre and two wings stretching out on either side, with imposing marble passages. There are one and a half miles of corridors, 340 rooms of all descriptions, 227 columns, 35 loggias, and 37 fountains. A heavy task still lies in front of those responsible for its com-

Lady-In-Waiting



Vittoria Colonna, Duchess of Sermoneta, lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Italy, who is travelling abroad.

pletion by the end of October, for the lofty unfinished dome has still a forest of bamboo scaffolding stretching up to its summit, the big state apartments are not yet ready, the ballroom floor has yet to be laid, and stone and marble cutting is still proceeding in many directions. But some three thousand artisans, masons, carpenters, stone cutters, gardeners, and coolies are at work by day and night.

The principal big state rooms are four in number, the Durbar Hall, the Ballroom, the Banqueting Hall, and the big drawing room. The first of these is situated under the central dome and will be some 160 feet in height. Its walls and pillars are of white and yellow marble.

Table for 100 Guests. The ballroom, which is a square room, has a balcony for the band, and its floor space is about the same as that of the present spacious room in Viceregal Lodge at Old Delhi. But the great marble corridors which surround it will add in no small measure to the comfort of those, who will presently dance upon the floor. The windows of the banqueting hall look out on the garden and it will accommodate 100 guests comfortably at the great table.

When finished it is calculated that the new Government House, which actually covers five acres of land, will have cost about £1,250,000, and with its total estate area of 330 acres, including 12 acres of garden, if should in every way be a residence worthy of the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

"LOVE HUNGRY"

FINE PICTURE AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE

With Lois Moran and Lawrence Gray in the leading roles, "Love Hungry" which is at present running at the Queen's Theatre, is a fine picture with an unusual theme. It is the story of a young girl of the middle class with definite ideas about riches being essential to matrimonial happiness, and a struggling young story writer.

The writer has turned out a story on "how to keep a wife on G.40 a week." The girl reads the story and makes fun of the boy, remarking that she would marry only for money and did not want to be a millstone hanging on any poor man's neck.

They strike a wager, and the young man introduces the girl to a young "high stepper," the son of a man who owns "a flock of banks." The girl has a hectic week in the company of this "fast liver," and then discovers that "Tom" (the writer) was not far off the mark. She decides to throw in her lot with him and become the wife of a "40-a-week man."

Following a visit to South Wales by members of the Enfield Urban District Council and the H. Enfield has decided to "adopt" Aberystwyth (Glammorgan), one of the distressed mining areas.

AUDIENCE'S ANGER

"BLACK DANCER IN BERLIN"

SUDDEN END OF ENGAGEMENT

Berlin.—A painful scandal occurred in a Berlin West-end theatre where Josephine Baker, the well-known coloured artist, was finishing up a lengthy engagement.

Just before she was due on the stage the manager came forward to announce that she had hurt her foot, and could not appear. But the "revue," as the performance was called, had been specially concocted solely to provide a background for the exotic charms of the black dancer, and without her would have had as little sense or attraction as "Hamlet" without the Prince.

Accordingly the crowded audience who came to see Josephine, and for that purpose alone, were angry, and demanded their money back. Indeed, they were so angry and put forward their demands with such menacing words that the management thought compliance was the wisest policy. But it was long after the police had arrived in formidable force that the waves of excitement subsided and the street outside the theatre was cleared of the agitated groups.

The story of the injured foot might, of course, have been true, but evidently it was not. Apparently the cause of the hitch was a financial one. The dancer's original engagement terminated on the previous Sunday evening. She agreed to prolong it, but in the very midst of the performance some dispute arose as to the £50 which she was to be paid for each of her additional performances. As to the course which the difference of opinion took, accounts are not quite clear. But it finished with the dancer hastily collecting her exquisite costumes and driving off in a private car.

BALDNESS

WOMEN'S TIGHT-FITTING HAT PERIL

A warning that tight-fitting hats may lead to women becoming bald was given by Dr. R. King Brown, lecturing before the Institute of Hygiene, Portland-place, London. The growth of hair, Dr. Brown said, was being impeded by the fact that women were wearing such tight-fitting hats and removed them so seldom.

"Why, look," he exclaimed to his audience, composed almost entirely of women, "you are indoors now, and yet you have your hats on. I think if women go on as they are they will be in time to just the same position as the men to-day."

"But," he added, pointing to his own thinning hair, "women will be progressing in intelligence as they lose their hair, so there is some advantage to be gained. In the course of time there will be gradual complaint among women of the hair coming out, because they can get no air through their hats."

The length of women's hair was one of the reasons, said Dr. Brown why it was more luxurious than men's hair. They would do well, he added, to go hatless.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Lady Inverclyde and Mr. Pearce



Lady Inverclyde, the former Miss Olive Sainsbury, and Mr. James Pearce, whose engagement has been announced in London, were secretly betrothed when Lady Inverclyde was 18, but drifted apart only to be re-united after her divorce in Edinburgh.

"Till Death Do Us Part"



Jaime Del Rio and his former wife, Dolores del Rio, the little Mexican convent girl who grew up to be a great film star, are shown here in the first happy days of their marriage. Then came a divorce. He died in a Berlin sanatorium. Dolores cabled frantically to her agent in Berlin to do all to save the husband she divorced. He died with her name on his lips.

Mr. Rockefeller's 150 Yards' Drive



Mr. John D. Rockefeller's first golf drive of the season at the winter resort in Florida. The ball went down the fairway for 150 yards. Note the follow through. (The Rockefeller Foundation gave a large sum to Hong Kong University.)

"Standard Type"



Miss Margaret Bannerman, the popular British actress, who was recently chosen by a group of judges as one of the three standard types of English beauty.

To Marry in London



Marie Louise d'Orleans, daughter of a "pretender to the French throne," who has announced that she will marry Mr. Walter F. Kingsland, a grandson of a Mayor of New York. The ceremony is to be held in London.

El Presidente!



An official photo of Senor Emilio Portes Gil, provisional President of Mexico. The band across his breast is known as the Presidential ribbon and may only be worn by the chief executive.

Lady Doria Hope as Shopgirl



Lady Doria Hope worked as a salesgirl in a New York department store. Her identity was discovered by an Immigration officer and she at once left for Washington to apply for extension of her six months' stay in the United States.

"Miss Paris"



Miss Joanne Victor—"Miss Paris"—was one of the international beauties chosen from among young women of ten nations for a tour. With them she is appearing in American theatres and the last step will be a film test in Hollywood. Some of the ten are Britons.

Rival Republics



President Hernandez Siles (left) of Bolivia, and Dr. Jose F. Guggiarini, head of the Government of Paraguay, the branch between which two South American Republics was given prominence in the cables, and which has been jostled up.

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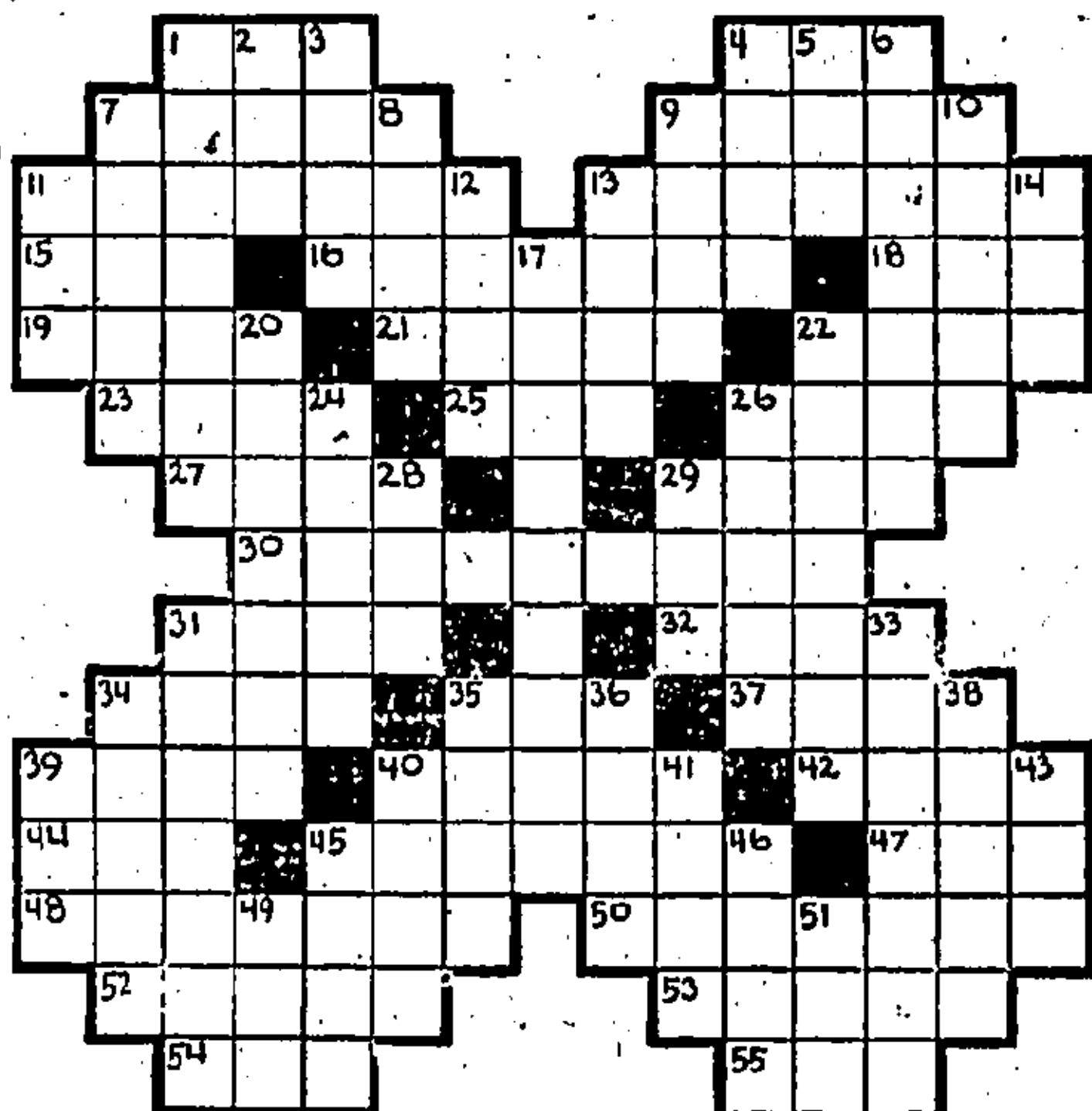
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-The cry of a crow
- 4-A schoolboy who
drudges for
another
- 7-Brought to a
required shade
- 9-Currency
- 11-Allotment
- 12-Hardly title
- 15-In the past
- 16-Harvesters
- 18-Girl's name
- 19-Long slender rod
- 21-Fabulous sea-monster
- 22-Preposition (abbr.)
- 23-Appar
- 25-Destiny
- 26-Muscle of wheat
- 27-Title former ruler
- 28-Sun god of
Phoenicians
- 30-Verbally
- 31-Climbing plant
- 32-Forest animal
- 34-Quote
- 35-Swindled
- 37-Yellowish-grey
- 39-Floating ice
- 40-Entertained

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42-Prop
- 44-Fish
- 45-Lively
- 47-Anger
- 48-One who has a fixed
abode
- 50-Quiverings
- 52-Place
- 53-Espies
- 54-Made stable
- 55-Close relative
(familiar)

VERTICAL

- 1-Ornamental
head-dress
- 2-Industrious insect
- 3-Dam
- 4-Evergreen (pl.)
- 5-Bustle
- 6-Commander
- 7-Garment worn by
ancient Romans
(pl.)
- 8-Performs
- 9-Small mountain
lake
- 10-Number
- 11-Soraps with forefoot

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-A measure, two and
one-quarter inches
- 13-Vegetable
- 14-Bore into
- 17-Nearness
- 20-Notwithstanding
- 22-Place
- 24-River conspicuous
in World War
- 26-Moderated
- 28-Species of deer
- 29-Invite
- 31-Spring flower (pl.)
- 32-Explosive
- 34-Corners of a sail
- 35-Costly
- 36-Clever
- 38-Quarry town in
Vermont
- 39-Nourished
- 40-Avoided
- 41-Hartwood
- 43-Affirmative
- 45-Small place of
ground
- 46-Lenses
- 48-General of Civil War
- 51-French for
"myself"

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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WANTON	REAPER
SALSCOUR	PIV
EWER	HASLENA
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For the information of visitors
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Island	Feet
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1728
The Eyrie	1728
Peak Hotel	1805
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Haterbeds)	297
Talmoshan	3124
Mainland	Feet
Talmoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

THANKSGIVING

PREMIER'S SPEECH AT AMERICAN FESTIVAL

CORDIAL SENTIMENTS

Mr. Stanley Baldwin inevitably described the Thanksgiving Day dinner given by the American Society in London as a great family party when he referred to his pleasure at being present. It was said to be the largest American gathering to celebrate the day on the British side of the Atlantic, and it did it with such unmatchable good things as roast turkey with delectable trimmings, pumpkin pie and ice cream served with a hot sauce.

Mr. Baldwin, who received an ovation when he rose to speak, explained that he had at first refused the invitation because since August he had, for one who disliked speaking, received so many invitations that he decided to accept no more till after the general election, when possibly no one would require his services. "What really decided me to come," he said, "was the recent trouble in which my old friend has been getting. On my first attempt to enter the House of Commons I was defeated; I know what it feels like. You may smile at the world, but you don't like it, and I felt it might be some help to him if a fellow-victim held his hand recently."

Problems Arising from Distrust

The American Ambassador, proposing "the day we celebrate" said that they had reason to be thankful because the fundamentally friendly relations between the British and American peoples continued unimpaired. "Difference of opinion will, of course, arise," he added. "That could not be otherwise. But I for one believe with every fibre of my being that neither people would knowingly or willingly do the other an injustice, nor permit an injustice to be done the other. The signing of the Pact in Paris gives us all reason for profound thankfulness. For it means that the nations, by removing war and agreeing to peaceful settlements, have at length turned their faces in the direction where national security and a durable peace may more hopefully and more certainly be sought."

"Much, of course, remains to be done. Difficult and dangerous problems remain to be solved. But the road lies clear if we have the strength and will to follow it. I do not fear so much the problems which have a basis in reality. They can be solved if we approach them in a spirit of conciliation. I rather fear the problems which are the results of fear and suspicion and deep-seated distrust. But I am hopeful these will prove less formidable when we draw nearer to them. For there is a new spirit in the world and a new conscience, and neither will long be denied."

Mr. Baldwin's Speech

Mr. Baldwin followed the Ambassador in lighter vein. He said he liked to think of the little company who went out before the Pilgrim Fathers and spent a winter at the mouth of the Kennebec River. They came back home and said: "This climate is one in which no Englishman can even live." It was a curious fact to remember that, just about the same time as the Pilgrim Fathers went out, King James—who, he might remark for the benefit of those who had forgotten, was a Scot and not an Englishman—thought they would find gold in Virginia. To his indignation they only found tobacco. When they looked at those beginnings it was marvellous, following on through the next two centuries, to see the fortune that attended those men, their children, and those who went out to join them.

The Americans found themselves by the grace of God in possession of a continent rich in many parts for agriculture, full of easy means of communication by great rivers, and, beyond all, the 3,000 miles of ocean on either side that protected the nation in its childhood and its youth. It protected them from more than hostile armies. It protected them from immigration at a time when for the nation it was all important that they should take possession of the whole land and stamp upon it the characteristics of the people from whom they sprang. That was done before the immigration began to roll in.

As the immigration rolled in and as the Pacific Coast became settled the engineer came into his own and the railroad was thrown across the continent, and by that means alone

they prevented all possibilities of a separate American nation growing up beyond the Rockies, just as the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway kept British Columbia indissolubly linked up with Canada instead of being a Pacific nation.

Thanksgiving for Tobacco

"There are some things," said Mr. Baldwin, "in which I feel my own particular thanksgiving. Let me remind you of this. If there had been no America there would have been no tobacco. A true history of tobacco would be the history of liberty in England and America. It was tobacco that planted a nation in America. Virginia was founded on tobacco. 'Virginia—Heaven bless it is the only country in the world which has had tobacco as its currency. I have my own deep cause for joining you to-day in your thanksgiving; even to-day I believe the tobacco I smoke comes from Virginia.'

"Another thing in which we have cause for thanksgiving is the interpretation of America that comes to us in your books. I should like to say a word or two about this bond. I have always cherished among the books I have loved many American books of all periods. I know few more delightful books than Franklin's autobiography."

these new writers in America," he said. "I think you are getting a more distinctive note than I have ever seen, more purely American, something that augurs well as forerunner of a new great literature. I rejoice in that because I think the influence of the great literature on either side of the Atlantic, with those shades of difference that must come from different environment and differing heredity, may be a far better means of interesting one to the other than can be achieved by politicians or press."

"His Excellency spoke, as I think perhaps in his position he had to speak recently, in a somewhat serious vein. I have treated this more as a festival, but in all our thanksgiving—and we have had throughout history much to be thankful for—there is no better thought we can take away with us than those words, known perhaps as well on your side as on ours—

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget."

After shooting his young wife, Armand Foncin, 50, a taxi-driver of Neuilly, opened fire on passers-by who attempted to interfere. After stabbing the face of the prostrate woman, he fired a bullet into his mouth, killing himself instantly.

Il Duce in Unusual Role



On the Apennine Way which Caesar's legions trod, Premier Mussolini of Italy, and his small son, Romano, enjoy a horseback ride. The occasion was the opening by Il Duce of the Roman hunting season, for which event he caused a crack cavalry regiment to be turned out as escort.

Mr. Baldwin quoted from this the story of two men, one a Quaker, who listened to Whitefield's preaching. One man was so moved that he asked the Quaker to lend him some money for the collection, to which the Quaker replied: "Friend, at any other time I would lend to thee gladly, but not now, for thou seemest not to be in thy right mind."

"May I suggest to his Excellency," said Mr. Baldwin, "that any request that comes to America for loans to build armaments should receive that answer."

Having told a story of an ancestor of his, who in the days of William III. went as a Quaker missionary to Virginia and then went on to Bermuda, Mr. Baldwin resumed his list of American favourites: "Washington Irving, who has preserved for us one of the most delightful pictures of an old English Christmas; Melville, who has painted in words of genius the treasures of the Pacific; Hawthorne, who has brought us in close touch with the earliest days of the Puritans; Poe, who first taught us to write detective stories—all honour to him; I live on them. It was an American woman who kept me awake with 'The Leavenworth Case' when I was only fourteen. Inna K. Greene. How I revelled in Mark Twain. Bret Harte brought to us the romance of the early years in the Far West."

"I do want to pay tribute," Mr. Baldwin added, "from the old country to the modern American historical school. They are putting out great work in which we collaborate from both sides in friendly rivalry. I do not believe better war books have been written than Mary Johnston's two books on the American Civil War."

New Note in Literature

In his list of modern books to be appreciated, Mr. Baldwin put "Death Comes to the Archbishop" by William Cather, Sinclair Lewis' "Babbalanza," Edna St. Vincent Millay's "One of the most remarkable novels I have ever read," "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," and "John Brown's Body." Among

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